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Senate Bill 51 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Harry Gast
Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 401 (Wildlife Conservation) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to provide that, at least 30 days before issuing an order regulating the taking of game, the Natural Resources Commission would have to provide a copy of the order to each member of each standing committee of the Senate or House of Representatives that considers legislation pertaining to conservation, the environment, natural resources, recreation, tourism, or agriculture; the chairperson of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees; and the members of the Senate and House Appropriations subcommittees that consider the budget of the Department of Natural Resources.

(Under Part 401, as amended by Public Act 377 of 1996, the Natural Resources Commission has the exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game in this State. The Commission must, to the greatest extent practicable, use principles of sound scientific management in making decisions regarding the taking of game. Orders are to be made by the Commission following a public meeting and an opportunity for public input. Public Act 377 appeared as Proposal G on the November 1996 ballot and was approved by the voters.)

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Legislative Analyst: S. Margules

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would restore a practice that was not included in Proposal G, and would have no fiscal impact on State government.

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